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Dear Vickie and Jimmy,

Dad is watching some kind of game on television so I thought this would be a good time to write a long over due letter. I think of you all the time and I write letters in my mind but that is the way I do things. Now I have to get busy and clean my house and get ready for Mary and Diane to stay here while the moving is in process. I am sure Mike will be here also the week of the 27th as that is when the truck is coming to move their belongings out. Today is the day you were going to see Mike's folks and Mary was so happy to hear that they were going to see you. You two have been just great in helping with the ~~se~~ big change of ex'tents. I think dad and I will probably leave with Mary and Diane for a visit and of course we are very anxious to see you and help Mary out in getting somewhat settled. We are having a family party the 27th for Mary and Mike at Aunt Stella's house. I haven't even started to get ready for a trip and I don't know when I will as Diane is going to be staying with us until Mary leaves her house and of course I don't get a thing done when Diane is here because I play and I also teach her how to write and read and do arithmetic and dad also likes to help her with her Spanish. Our weather is warmer now which is very nice. Our friend, Chuck Merrick, who was here recently to visit us called last night and said it was 28 degrees below zero in Minneapolis. I don't even have a winter coat I bought two last week but took them back because I did not like them as they were longer than the styles that are worn here. Our cabin renters should have probably moved in today and Aunt Stella and Uncle Harold have gone up to see about that. They could have moved in when ever they wanted to but we said the rent would start on the 15th of the month and they will also pay the light bill. I don't see how they will manage to have a little baby born up there because it is so cold but we brought up a electric heater and I suppose they will get by alright.

Jeannie did the calligraphy on this stationary. She took a course at the Boy's Club and I think she does very well.

Next Monday, Diane will have the tubes put in her ears, which I just hate to think about, and then she is going to stay with us the rest of the time before leaving so Mary can get everything accomplished. The renters for their house live next door to them and they are not going to move in until the 15th of Feb. so that will give Mary time to move and also to clean up the house.

I know that Helen and Bob Lowry really enjoyed seeing you and being at your place. They are very nice people, altho Helen is very much the boss and everyone is supposed to do as she says. I shouldn't have said that but I couldn't help it.

I am sure we will be seeing you in February and you must not think of entertaining us as it will be just wonderful to be there.

With Love,

Mom.